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HIGHWAY 101 IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN SOUTH OF SANTA MARIA

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – A project to widen the inside southbound shoulder, construct a rumble strip and improve drainage is underway on Hwy. 101 near Santa Maria from south of the Solomon Summit underpass to the Clark Avenue Interchange.

Motorists will encounter lane closures in the **southbound direction** Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and during the **overnight hours** from 9 pm to 6 am. There will be no lane closures scheduled during the morning and afternoon commute.

The Hwy. 101 Clark Avenue southbound on/off ramps may be closed intermittently during the project except for during the morning and afternoon commute. Motorists can expect up to a ten minute delay. The contractor for this \$640,000 project is Granite Construction of Santa Maria, CA. This project is expected to be completed in October 2012.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through Caltrans construction zones.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm

